GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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INDIA`S PARTICIPATION IN QUATAR-PAKISTAN GAS PIPE LINE
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to participate in Qatar-Pakistan Gas Pipe Line; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS & PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) & (b): During the meeting between the Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas and Panchayati Raj and the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources of Pakistan, in Islamabad, on 5th − 7th June 2005, the Pakistani side inter-alia outlined the parameters of the proposed Gulf South Asia (GUSA) project. During the first meeting of the India-Pakistan Joint Working Group in New Delhi, on 12th − 13th July, 2005, the Pakistani side briefed the Indian side on their discussions on the project with Qatari organizations. India has conveyed to Qatar its interest in being kept informed with a view to eventually participating in the project. However, the project is at present at a hypothetical stage and is expected to take several years before it becomes technologically feasible.